

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending and under consideration.

OBVIOUSNESS TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-17 under the judicially created doctrine of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-38 of U.S. Patent No. 6,385,587. In view of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION:

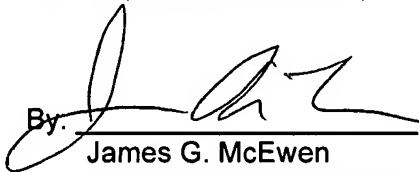
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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